

DEC 06 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James L. Brown
Serial No.: 09/539,735
Filed: 03/30/00
Entitled: DIAGNOSIS OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

Group No.: P. Nolan
Examiner: 1644

#17/C
GND
12/12/02
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

DEC 10 2002

RECEIVED

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

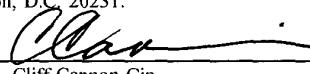
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(i)(A)

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Dated:

12/3/2002

By:


Cliff Cannon-Cin

Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2002, a response to which is due on or before September 3, 2002. A Request and fee for a three-month extension of time through December 3, 2002 is enclosed. The following communication constitutes part of the submission which accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following.

A **clean version** of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. A **marked-up version** of the rewritten claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A **clean version of the entire set** of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.